

**REMARKS:**

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-8 and 10-21 were pending and stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 8, 10, 16 and 19 have been amended. Claims 3, 5, 6, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 21 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 20 remain pending.

Claims 1, 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seron (U.S. Patent No. 5,669,119) in view of Peterson (U.S. Patent No. 967,664) and Weiss (U.S. Patent No. 4,845,585). Claims 2-6 and 10-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seron in view of Peterson and Weiss, and further in view of Pontaoe (U.S. Patent No. 6,618,910). Claims 16-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seron in view of Weiss and Pontaoe. Claims 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seron in view of Weiss and Pontaoe, and further in view of Peterson. These rejections are traversed for at least the following reasons.

Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the art of record, claims 1, 8 and 16 have been amended to more clearly recite what it is the applicant regards as his invention.

None of the art of record, taken alone or in combination, teach the specific limitations now recited in the claims associated with the central portion, the hinges, the stabilizing ribs, the stabilizing rib recesses, and the attachment member, all in combination with the other limitations recited therein. For at least these reasons claims 1, 8 and 16 are allowable, as are the remaining claims depending respectively therefrom.

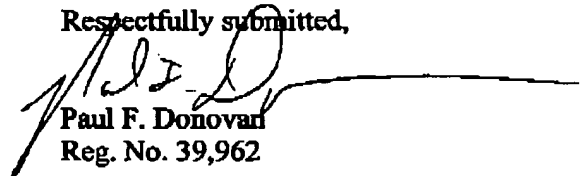
It is further noted that the status of claim 21 is unclear. On page 1 of the Office Action Summary, the Examiner recognizes that claim 21 is pending and he indicated that it stands rejected. However, claim 21 has not been rejected or referred to in the body of the Office Action. Thus, for at least this reason, the Examiner should remove the finality

of the last Office Action and clarify the status of claim 21 in view of this latest Amendment.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments and remarks made herein. Reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any remaining issues that can be addressed and dealt with expeditiously by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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